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EDITORIALS

FIRE AT FARMVILLE

The role of the fireman has its dull moments. Days and weeks often pass in quiet waiting. But the instant an alarm is sounded, the fireman springs to action. Then he becomes the No. One Citizen.

An excellent job of fire-fighting was turned in last Sunday morning when one of the major buildings at the Farmville State Teachers College was razed. Farmville firemen, assisted by firemen from nearby towns, got the blaze under control and saved adjoining structures.

Although there was a heavy loss of property, there was no loss of life, and school life will go on.

So we salute all volunteer firemen. They are men of fine deeds and little credit.

May we remind you to check your own property for possible fire hazards. And remember the state laws concerning burning of brush and trash during the March 1, May 15 period.

A FINE TEACHER

We know little about the political acumen of J. Melville Broughton, save the fact that he became Governor of North Carolina and was elected to represent his state in the United States Senate. Doubtless he was a gifted politician.

But we do know that he was a wonderful Sunday School teacher. By means of the radio, we heard him teach the Mens Bible Class at a Raleigh Baptist Church many Sunday mornings. We never heard him teach without profit to ourselves, and we recommended him to many shut-ins.

Senator Broughton died over the past week-end, victim of a heart attack, at the age of sixty. A Christian layman has gone to rest.

JOE HANGS UP THE BOXING GLOVES

Joe Louis won the heavyweight boxing title in 1937. He defended it twenty-five times. He is now thirty-five years old, past the prime for a champion. Last week he announced his retirement.

Joe Louis has been a credit to his race and his profession. Many Americans admire him for his humility and his fistic prowess. That he chose to retire undefeated may be for the best, since many would dislike to see him defeated by his own age rather than the skill of an opponent.

The heavyweight boxing title has ever been a glamousous bauble and we hope there will be a wide-open elimination to select a new wearer of the crown.

TOWN PROGRESS

The Town of Appomattox has a progressive and forward - looking Town Council. The council is trying to build our community, on a sound basis. The town operates within its financial income and provides many community services. The tax payers get a lot for their reasonable tax contribution. We are pleased to see men serving on the council who believe that Appomattox has a future of growth and expansion; and back up that belief with cooperation with industry and prospective industry. Progressive leaders merit support and good-will.

SPEND WISELY, UNCLE SAM

There are some 18,000,000 living war veterans in this nation. No American would want one of them to suffer. Their sacrifice must not be forgotten by a grateful nation. Those veterans who suffered wounds or impairment of health or ability to earn a livelihood are due liberal benefits. In the discharge of national responsibility to the more than 18 million veterans, we favor benefits on a basis of individual requirements rather than a flat lump bonus or pension to all. Men still are making sacrifices to serve their country, and many have been called in post-war drafts. The figure of 18 million is as likely to increase ere it declines. Nearly one-third of every dollar earned in America last year went for some form of federal, state or local taxes. Many of these are "hidden taxes" . . . you pay 189 taxes on a suit of clothes, Jesus helped such persons; but he 127 on meals, 201 on a gallon of knew well that men's needs go beyond well-cared-for bodies. There gasoline, 53 on a loaf of bread. was the poor man from the grave-There are 155,000 taxing agencies yard, for example,—he was happy in this country, levying more than enough. He didn't want clothes, and 500 different kinds of taxes.

Our national debt is over two-hundred and fifty billion dollars.

We will have big budgets for a long time. Demands for new expenditures loom every way we turn. In Virginia, we must raise huge new sums for schools.

America would not be free and have its great blessings but for the sacrifices of these 18 million veterans. Let us not forget that, ever. But let us also remember that we shall not be free or have such blessings if we pile debt on debt and "go broke." Our enemies would like to see us "bump ourselves off" and save them the effort! So, we pray for common sense and sound judgment in the writing of finance and tax laws. Let us fight in peace as in war to keep America strong!

Report that coal miners may demand new safety regulations.

Russians may organize own airlift to supply Albania over Yugoslavia.

Senior British diplomats believe Molotov is being groomed to step into Stalin's shoes.

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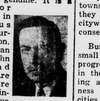
By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Mark 5; 6:31-44; Luke 7, 9:10-17
DEVOTIONAL READING: Matthew 25:34-46

God's Signature

Lesson for March 13, 1949

IN A STRANGE city you may suddenly need to be identified. Some suspicious clerk wants to know if your signature is genuine. It is a fair challenge, for too many liars are in circulation. Jesus himself had to furnish identification. No less a person than his old friend John the Baptizer had grown uneasy. "Are you the one we are looking for," he inquired, "or shall we look for someone else?" Jesus' answer to John was not to discuss the theology of the Incarnation, or anything of that sort. He just went about his usual day's work.



Dr. Foreman

In the course of that day he cured a good many sick people, and preached to some very poor people. "Now go back," he said, "go back and tell John what you have seen and heard." What those men saw that day was what Jesus at another time called the "finger of God," the genuine divine signature.

Jesus wrote no book, no letters even; he wrote in action, and his acts were the handwriting of God. It is important to see where Jesus underscored that writing. It is true, his healings were what we call miracles. But Jesus did not even mention that feature.

What he asked John to notice was simply this: the blind see, the lame walk; lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and (as a climax!) the poor hear good news. The signature of God, in short, is not sheer power; it is using what power one has, to help people in trouble.

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Not By Bread Alone

THE EXPRESSION, "needy people," nowadays suggests people who haven't enough to eat or wear. Jesus helped such persons; but he knew well that men's needs go beyond well-cared-for bodies. There was the poor man from the graveyard, for example,—he was happy enough. He didn't want clothes, and he was strong enough to steal all he could eat. All he wanted, in fact, was to be let alone. But Jesus knew that what he needed above all was a sane mind, a mind no longer run over and trampled by a regiment of devils.

When Jesus got through with him he was clothed, but that was not the best part of it. He was in his right mind. So God's signature is not only written in a sound body, it is in the sound mind. Again, at Jericho when Jesus invited himself to dinner with the pint-sized tycoon Zacchaeus, Jesus did not go just for the meal. He went because he knew that Zacchaeus needed something Jericho needed something, too, something only Zacchaeus could give.

We do know that after dinner Zacchaeus was a changed man. He was going to give back every dishonest penny, with interest; and since he could not locate every one he had cheated, he was going to give away half of his holdings for the benefit of the poor.

What Jericho needed was a new administration, any honest one; they needed slum clearance; and Zacchaeus was going to give it to them. But first of all Zacchaeus had needed a new heart—and Jesus gave him that.

* * *

We Too

ALL AROUND us is a troubled world. Some men, seeing it, infer there is no God. Others conclude that if there is one, he must be bad or weak. The truth is that the signature of God is not to be found in the evil and the confusion of the world. It is fo be seen wherever freedom is standing against slavery, wherever truth is pushing back ignorance, where diseased bodies are being healed, where sanity replaces madness.

More people would believe in God if they could see more of the handwriting of God. Do you want to help?

We cannot always do things as simply as Jesus did. Curing the diseased is not for us a simple matter of saying, Be well. A Christian woman, distressed by what she had learned of the plight of the insane in her backward state, was asking the head of the state hospital (himself a church officer), "What can we Christians do?" "Get behind the legislature," he said.

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SMALL TOWNS CATCHING THEIR STRIDE

(Atlanta Journal)

There was a time when too many small towns in Georgia simply oozed in the sun . . . The cities bled them of their youth, and they were marked for decay. In many a small town only a few years ago the inhabitants accepted as fate the decline of both population and prosperity.

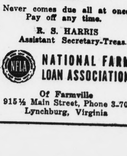
Now that period of Georgia lapidly is over. In scores of our small towns small industries provide payrolls to supplement agricultural income. More young people are remaining at home to enrich their communities by the gifts of courage, strength and ability. The signs of decay are vanishing from many towns whose citizens once thought they could do nothing to stem the cityward tide of young people and, consequently, of prosperity.

Business and civic leaders in our small towns today are as alert and progressive as their contemporaries in the large cities. They are gaining a healthy percentage of business which formerly flowed to cities. They are realizing more and more that a good town is a clean town, bright with paint and green lawns and flowers. They are growing increasingly independent of outside capital and enterprise to launch businesses; they are finding leadership, capital and know-how at home. At the same time, they are attracting manufacturers to Georgia, thereby providing jobs and raw material markets.

Nobody loses when a community spirit is aroused to the point of doing something to better conditions. We are glad to see less dozing and more doing in the golden sunshine that usually baths our state.

Louis Johnson nominated as new Secretary of Defense.

Heat Hurts Cows



American dairy farmers have learned that some discontented cows, like some discontented women, can be expensive as well as unpleasant.

Most of the cow's troubles can be traced to heat and humidity. A cow, unlike a human being, can perspire only through the mouth. So when the temperature and humidity inside a barn get high, the animal becomes uncomfortable and stubborn—particularly at milking time.

The U. S. department of agriculture says an average cow gives off almost a pint of water every hour through breathing. In addition to the high humidity caused by this breathing, a cow has an extremely high body temperature.

During the winter months when the cows are in the barn most of the time, this combination results in the generation of an enormous amount of water vapor and heat. When the warm, moisture-laden heat comes into contact with the cold walls, condensation and frost is formed.

The net result to the farmers is rotting beams, joist and siding; a loss of hay because of the mold created by moisture and frost; milk contamination, disease, particularly among the young stock; reduction of milk production because of the discomfort to cows, and farmers are forced to work under unpleasant conditions.

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4-H CLUB 1948 RECORD

Virginia 4-H Club livestock projects brought in total profits, not counting prizes, of $173,663.92 last year, compared to $155,005.30 in 1947.

A report by George C. Herring, animal husbandman for the agricultural Extension Service, showed total enrollment and completions in the projects last year were little changed from the year before.

Enrollment in 4-H livestock projects in the state last year was 4,690, compared to 4,638 in 1947; completions were 3,054, against 3,075 a year earlier.

Court upholds laws of the states against closed shops.

Farmer slain and wife is beaten near Culpeper.

Citizens of Farmville raise fund to assist STC students replace personal belongings lost in college fire Sunday.

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Oakville

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilkerson and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilkerson last week-end.

Oakville, March 8.- Mr. and Mrs. Troy Cox and son and Mrs. Floyd Mason, of Lynchburg visited Mrs. C. Rogers Sunday afternoon.

Carl Clapp and Richard Smith, left last week for San Antonio, Texas where they will receive their training in the Army Air Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wells and son, of Farmville visited Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Page Sunday afternoon.

Born to Lt. and Mrs. C. F. Lindsey, of Warren, Ohio, a baby boy, James Richard, on February 23rd. Mrs. Linamen was formerly Miss Ann Smith, of this county.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moore Sunday.

The Oakville 4-H Club met at the school March 8th. A program on "The Meaning of 4-H Club work" was given. After the business session, a very interesting movie was shown by Mr. Speir, the new agent whom we are so glad to have work with us. —Carey Moore, reporter.

Oakville, March 1.- Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dinkins and son, of Lynchburg spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rogers and children, of Lynchburg visited Mrs. Daisy Rogers Sunday.

Gail Drinkard visited Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Reynolds last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Drinkard and son, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Drinkard and children, Mr. and Mrs. James Martin and children and Gail Drinkard visited Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Drinkard Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Drinkard and three children visited Mrs. Lily Drinkard Sunday.

We wish to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our oyster supper a success last Friday night. The supper was sponsored by the Red Oak Sunbeams.

Mrs. C. E. Wilkerson attended the birthday celebration of her mother, Mrs. John Bingham, at the home of Mrs. Gladys Woodson on Sunday. Members of the family were present.

Mrs. Della Doss is spending this week with Mrs. John Bingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Cyrus and daughters, of Spout Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Martin and daughter and Arthur Martin, of Lynchburg visited Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wilkerson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lewis entertained in honor of their daughter, Saturday evening on her birthday. More than 60 guests were present to enjoy the party.

Trinity Road

Trinity Road, March 8.- Did you hear "Lum and Abner" on Sunday night? Lum is some news reporter for Pine Ridge.

The W. M. U. of Hebron Church had their Home Mission Study class Tuesday night at church.

Mrs. S. L. Scruggs is quite ill at this writing.

Little John Alvis, III, had his tonsils removed last week, spending the night in the hospital. His mother accompanied him.

His grandmother, Mrs. Mathews, of Orange is visiting in the Alvis home.

Marie, Betty and Kitty Routon have been "enjoying" the measles for the past week. Murrell is well of measles and back at school.

Clayton Drinkard, Jr., of Camp Pickett visited his home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Alvis are entertaining their "rook club" tonight.

Little Theibert and Bill Stratton had a spell of flu last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Taylor entertained their "Rook Club" last Wednesday night. Other guests included Mrs. S. E. Anderson and Mrs. Lula Taylor.

Mrs. John Watson and family, of Staunton visited her mother, Mrs. Lula Taylor for the week-end. Mrs. Watson visited her sister, Mrs. B. D. Stratton on Saturday.

Mrs. Lands Koefelt and daughter, MaKie Ray, of Philadelphia, visited her mother, Mrs. J. H. Laughan last week. Glad to report Mrs. Laughan is improving.

Miss Ann Cabell visited relatives in Lynchburg for the week-end.

Youth in British City To Get Police Training

LONDON, — If the British home office gives its approval to the idea, youths in Liverpool will begin police training at the ages of 15 to 18 in a newly-created corps to be called city police cadets.

They will have their own special uniforms and in the beginning will confine their work to the police stations. But a small group of selected youths will operate in plain clothes to become familiar with detective work under the supervision of members of the criminal investigation division. One of the Liverpool officials explained that the city's plan was to have "a reservoir from which boys trained in police routine can go straight into the adult force."

The boys are not compelled to sign up for any set period of training but will be free to leave the cadet body at any time during their apprenticeship. Their pay graduates from one pound 10 shillings a week at 15 to three pounds two shillings at the age of 18. None of the boys will be permitted to do independent police work, but will at all times be under the supervision of regular members of the force.

Audacious Crow Upsets Whole City By Tricks

HARTFORD, W I S. — A single shiny black crow, with coy instincts and great audacity, had all Hartford confused.

First resident to tangle with the bird's sense of humor was Clarence (Clenny) Smith, a milkman. One morning as Clenny was delivering milk just before dawn he left a bottle of milk at a regular stop. He put the change from the transaction on the bottle cap.

Returning to his truck, Clenny heard the coins clink on the porch. He saw a crow drinking from the bottle.

"Gwan, beat it," cried Clenny to the crow.

"Gwan, beat it," cried the crow to Clenny.

The baffled milkman returned to the dairy. After that the crow regularly accompanied Clenny on his early morning rounds. If Clenny hid the milk, the crow found it. If the crow didn't find it, neither did the customer.

Clenny tried circling the truck off the route to elude the thirsty crow. But he'd find the eager bird perched on the porch railing when he got to the next stop on his milk route.

Outwitted Bird

The only way Clenny was able to outwit the crow was to carry a supply of cardboard cartons with him on the route. When the crow appeared, Clenny covered his milk deliveries.

Rumor in Hartford credited the crow with expensive and discriminating tastes. It is said that the crow drank only cream. When the bird found a bottle of homogenized milk, it took the cap off, but left the contents untouched.

Bill Dunwiddie of the high school teaching staff wasn't worried about the milk bottle trick. It was the windshield wiper on his car.

The same crow stole the wiper blade at every opportunity and hid it on top of Dunwiddie's porch. Bill had to climb up a ladder to retrieve it.

His only solution was to hide the wiper himself. That still left the car without a windshield wiper.

Children at St. Kilian's parochial school reported another trick of the troublesome crow. It flew at them when they were playing in the school yard.

Snatched Clothes

And the crow snatched clothespins from washlines. The bird didn't wait until the town's women had their clothes all hung out. He banged around snatching pins as fast at they were put on—let the laundry fall where it may.

Sly was the word for Hartford's crow. It sat on a handy fence railing, looking innocent with its beady eyes. But let the observer come too close—pff it was off. Then it alighted a little further away and gave the observer the come-on again.

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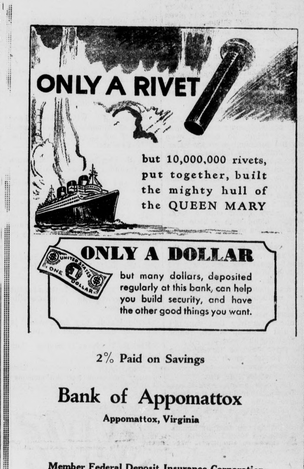
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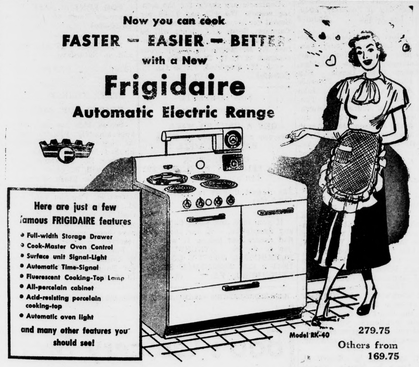

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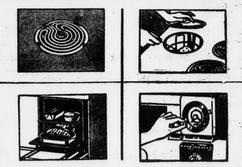

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